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SUBJECT: MBFR: EXCEPTIONS FOR TRAINING, EXERCISES, AND ROTATIONS

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1. WG STAFF HAS CIRCULATED NOTE TRANSMITTED IN PARA 3 BELOW ON EXCEPTIONS FOR GROUND MANPOWER BETWEEN PHASES. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENT ON QUESTIONS IN NOTE BY FEBRUARY 11.

2. ACTING CHAIRMAN HAS PLACED ON WG AGENDA FOR JANUARY 28 MEETING EXCEPTIONS FOR NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT FOR AIR MANPOWER BETWEEN PHASES. AS INDICATED REF A, OTHER RELEVANT COUNTRIES HAVE SUBMITTED REPLIES TO STAFF GROUP QUESTIONS ON THIS ISSUE. WE TRANSMIT IN PARA 4 BELOW TEXT OF SHAPE RESPONSE. COMMENT: IN ABSENCE OF RESPONSE ON US REQUIREMENTS, US WG REP WILL CONTINUE TO DRAW ON REF B GUIDANCE.

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3. BEGIN TEXT OF STAFF GROUP NOTE

BACKGROUND

THE MBFR WORKING GROUP AGREED AT THEIR MEETING ON 17TH DECEMBER THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO STUDY IN SOME DETAIL THE EXCEPTIONS TO ANY LEVEL OF GROUND FORCE MANPOWER NEGOTIATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF A NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT ON GROUND FORCES BETWEEN PHASES. THIS POINT IS ALSO MADE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL GUIDANCE TO THE AD HOC GROUP(1).

PRESENT LEVEL OF NATO GROUND FORCE STRENGTHS

2. THE LATEST 1974 ASSESSMENTS(2) OF NATO GROUND FORCE MANPOWER STRENGTH ARE:

BELGIUM	65,500
CANADA	4,000
FRANCE	58,500
GERMANY	341,000
LUXEMBOURG	500
NETHERLANDS	68,000
UNITED KINGDOM	60,500
UNITED STATES	193,000

TOTAL 791,000

THESE DATA WERE OBTAINED FROM NATIONAL INPUTS(3).

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- (1) C-M(74)30(REVISED)
 - (2) ANNEX A TO AC/276-D(74)5(REVISED)
 - (3) INPUTS UPDATING RFC(WG)WP(70)7 TO END 1973; ADDENDUM III TO DPQ(74) AND NATIONAL INPUTS TO SPECIAL QUESTIONNAIRE
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3. NATO DATA IS SHOWN FOR PERIOD 31ST DECEMBER. THE REASON FOR CHOOSING THIS DATE IS AS FOLLOWS: THE DATES FOR THE INTAKE AND RELEASE OF CONSCRIPTS VARIES BETWEEN COUNTRIES EXCEPT AT THE END OF THE YEAR, AT WHICH TIME THERE IS A MORE STABLE SITUATION. CONSEQUENTLY, THE END OF THE YEAR PERIOD WAS ACCEPTED BY THE MBFR WORKING GROUP (IN SEPTEMBER 1972) AS BEING SECRET

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THE BEST DATE TO BE USED BY COUNTRIES FOR REPORTING PURPOSES IN THE CONTEXT OF MBFR. MOREOVER, THIS REPORTING DATE COINCIDES WITH DPQ REQUIREMENTS.

PURPOSE

4. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PAPER IS TO ASK NATIONS WHAT EXCEPTIONS THEY FORESEE BEING REQUIRED TO THE LEVEL OF GROUND MANPOWER NEGOTIATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF A NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT BETWEEN PHASES.

TYPES OF EXCEPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

5. THE TYPES OF EXCEPTIONS WHICH NATIONS ARE NOW ASKED TO COSIDER ARE FOR:

(A) EXERCISES. THIS MEANS THE TEMPORARY INTRODUCTION OF GROUND FORCES INTO THE NGA FOR EXERCISE PURPOSES.

(B) TRAINING. THIS MEANS INCREASES TO GROUND FORCE MANPOWER IN THE NGA BY, FOR EXAMPLE, THE TEMPORARY MOBILIZATION OF RESERVISTS FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

(C) ROTATIONS. THIS MEANS TEMPORARY INCREASES TO NORMAL GROUND MANPOWER STRENGTH IN THE NGA DUE TO ROTATIONS OF PERSONNEL FROM OUTSIDE THE NGA AND DUE TO PEAKS IN NATIONAL DRAFT SYSTEMS.

(D) ANY OTHER FLUCTUATIONS. FLUCTUATIONS DUE TO REASONS NOT ADDRESSED IN (A) THROUGH (C).

REQUIREMENT

6. THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN THE WORKING GROUP ARE ASKED TO OBTAIN THEIR OWN NATIONAL FIGURES UNDER THESE HEADINGS. THE FIGURE REQUIRED IS THE HIGHEST FORESEEN BY EACH NATION UNDER EACH HEADING.

7. THE SHAPE REPRESENTATIVE IS ASKED TO OBTAIN THE FIGURE FORESEEN FOR INTER-REGIONAL NATO EXERCISES(1).

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8. REPLIES SHOULD INDICATE AT WHAT TIME OF YEAR THE PEAK PERIODS OCCUR.

(1) AC/276-D(74)11, PARAGRAPH 6(C)

WARSAW PACT PERIODS AND STRENGTHS

9. THE SHAPE REPRESENTATIVE IS ASKED TO PRODUCE SIMILAR FIGURES FOR THE WARSAW PACT.

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THE SHAPE REPRESENTATIVE OFFERS THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS
IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUESTS IN WORKING PAPER AC/276-WP(74)14:

INTER-REGIONAL NATO EXERCISES

2. THE FIGURE FORESEEN FOR INTER-REGIONAL NATO EXERCISES
IS 200 AIR PERSONNEL.

WARSAW PACT PEAK PERIODS AND STRENGTHS

3. ESTIMATED PERSONNEL STRENGTHS OF WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES
IN NGA, INCLUDING THE AIR ELEMENTS OF AIR DEFENCE, AS OF MID-1974
(MC 161/74):

GDR AIR FORCE 38,300

POLISH AIR FORCE 60,500

CSSR AIR FORCE 42,900

SOVIET AIR FORCES(1) IN GDR, POLAND AND CSSR 63,300

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TOTAL 205,000

WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES' EXERCISES IN NGA

4.

(A) ROUTINE WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES' EXERCISES REQUIRE NO
AUGMENTATION OF SOVIET AIR MANPOWER FROM OUTSIDE NGA.

(B) EVEN MAJOR WP COMBINED AIR FORCE EXERCISES DO NOT
REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT AUGMENTATION FROM OUTSIDE NGA.

HOWEVER, THERE HAVE, IN SOME CASES, BEEN SLIGHT
INCREASES BY EMPLOYING SMALL NUMBES OF ADDITIONAL AIR
CREWS AND SPECIAL TECHNICIANS.

(1) GDR - 16 TAA, POLAND - 37 TAA, CSSR - CGF/AF

TRAINING/TEMPORARY MOBILIZATION OF RESERVISTS

5. SOVIET AIR FORCES AND NON-SOVIET WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES
IN NGA ARE FULLY MANNED AS REGARDS TO THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT AND
TRAINED AIR CREW AVAILABLE, THEREFORE ONLY SMALL NUMBERS OF LOW-
KEY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY MOBILISED FOR TRAINING
PURPOSES.

ROTATION OF PERSONNEL IN SOVIET AIR FORCES IN NGA

6.

(A) APPROXIMATELY 10PCT OF TOTAL PERSONNEL ARE ROTATED IN THE
SPRING AND APPROXIMATELY 15-20PCT IN THE AUTUMN. THESE
PERCENTAGES APPLY TO EACH OF 16 TAA, 37 TAA AND CGF/AF.

(B) ROTATION LASTS FOR UP TO THREE WEEKS IN EACH SEASON.

7. IN SUMMARY, THE INCREASES IN WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES
MANPOWER STRENGTHS WOULD NOT BE SIGNIFICANT IN THIS CONTEXT OF
EXERCISES, TRAINING AND ROTATION.

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